

Stubborn Fool Adventure Race 2019

Update #1

Hello racers! Are you ready for the start of the Wisconsin Adventure Racing season?! MAD S's Amber and Steve have been working very hard on this course and have a great day planned for you!

Start/Finish/HQ. TBA next week, Middleton, WI.

Race Check-in: April 6, 8:15 a.m. - 9:15 a.m.

- **Before receiving your team's packet (maps, race instructions, t-shirts, etc.),** you must turn in a signed waiver for each racer on your team. Waivers are triplicate form and therefore will be available at check-in only.
- **USARA Licenses.** All participants must have a USARA license. License fees are **not** included in the entry fee.
- If you already have an annual USARA license that will be valid on April 6, 2019, please bring it with you on race day.
- Most, if not all, Wisconsin AR Series races this year will be part of USARA, so if you are racing in the series it may be most cost effective to purchase an annual license for \$35. Annual licenses can be purchased at race check-in. Please plan to pay by check (payable to USARA) or bring exactly \$35 in cash. The license/membership includes lots of goodies! Learn more [here](#).
- Single-day license fees for those who do not have an annual license are \$8. Please either pay by check (payable to USARA) or bring exactly \$8 in cash.

Mandatory pre-race meeting: 9:30 a.m.

Race start: 10:00 a.m.

Distances. Based on the current design, the approximate distances are:

- Bike: 12-30 miles
- Land Navigation: 4-9 miles
- Paddle: 3-5 miles

Bike Choice. Bike type should be a mountain or hybrid bike (with fatter tires), but ultimately is up to each racer. The bike route will be some paved roads/trails but also gravel/sand. Remember that paved roads/trails do have a lot of debris on them right now: sand, gravel, sticks, etc. Choose the bike you are most comfortable with in those conditions.

Stubborn Fool is a USARA National Championship Regional Qualifier.

The 1st place or highest finishing 3- or 4-person coed team will receive a \$400.00 sponsorship, paid by 180 Adventure, to be applied to the team's entry fee for the USARA Adventure Race National Championship.

The top four 3- or 4-person co-ed teams qualify to compete in the USARA Adventure Race National Championship. This is a roll down system: If one of the top four teams does not accept, the slot will roll

down to the 5th place team, etc. until four teams accept.

The top four 3- or 4- person open teams (all male or all female) from each regional qualifying race qualify to compete in the USARA Adventure Race National Championship. This is a roll down system: If one of the top four teams does not accept, the slot will roll down to the 5th place team, etc. until four teams accept.

A \$300 sponsorship is also up for grabs for the first TEN female teams to qualify for the 2019 USARA National Championship at any Regional Qualifier across the country. We hope to see our top all-female Stubborn Fool team claim this!

Teams. Please carefully review the [team list](#) to ensure your team name, category and paid status are correct. If any information is not correct for your team, please contact me with corrections.

Gear List. The gear list is final and can be reviewed [here](#). Be sure you have all required gear as there will be gear checks during the race. I highly recommend labeling every piece of your gear with at least your name, so we can get lost items back to you!

Gear staging. We will share details on any pre-race gear staging in a final update next week.

Securing gear at HQ. Please be aware that while we will have volunteers at HQ, we cannot be responsible for lost/stolen equipment staged in the area throughout the day. Consider locking or storing any gear in your vehicle when not in use.

Canoe Rental. If your team is renting canoes or a kayak (solos only), please verify that your rental is confirmed (paid) [here](#). If you notice any discrepancies, please let me know. If you have not reserved a canoe but would like to reserve one, please do so right away using this [link](#) (online payments at this point only, please!).

If you are a **three-person team renting a canoe**, please note that the canoes have TWO seats. Please, please, please do not sit on the thwarts of the boats. The thwarts are not made for sitting, and none of us want to have to deal with a damaged boat. Also, sitting on the thwart puts your center of gravity way too high and the boat will be prone to tipping. Consider a cushion or another slightly raised object for your middle paddler's 'comfort'. Teams observed using the thwart as a seat will receive a penalty – please don't put us in the position of having to enforce this!

Paddles and PFDs. If you are renting a canoe from our canoe supplier, single-blade paddles and pfd's are included.

Post Race Celebration. The post-race celebration will start shortly after 4 p.m. at the start/finish location, and includes a post-race pizza meal, beverages, and awards. This is an excellent time to meet other racers, share your race stories, and celebrate your finish – please plan to attend! If you would like to purchase extra meals for friends/family (\$10/person) please use our [online checkout](#) to order.

Series Points. We are proud that Stubborn Fool is part of two adventure racing series. We strongly encourage all teams to participate to track your team's rankings and show support for our sport. Series entry is free; strong registration numbers can really help generate more swag and prizes for you! More information on each series can be found below. Note that to participate in USARA you must register your team in the series prior to race day.

| [First Basis Adventure Racing Series](#). All 2-, 3- and 4-person teams are automatically registered in the series.

| [USARA](#). Register your team in the series prior to race day to receive points!

Fans/Spectators. Friends and family are always welcome and encouraged to cheer on teams throughout the race! Maps and details on good places to watch the race unfold will be available at race headquarters (start/finish area) after the race begins. Please be sure to remind your fans that while they should cheer loudly and take plenty of photographs and video, this is an unsupported race, and therefore they are not allowed to provide any assistance your team, or any other team.

Lodging. A google search for “middleton wi lodging” should return many lodging options.

Camping. The nearest campground is [Mendota County Park](#).